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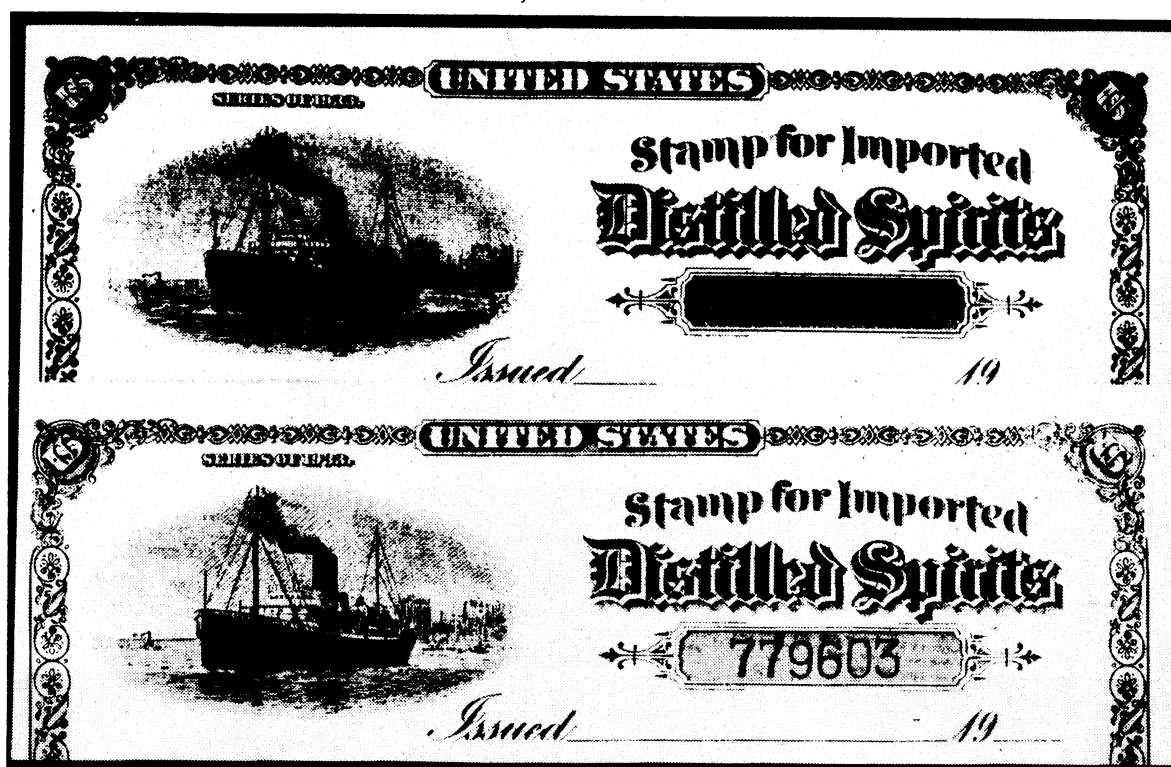
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CONTEMPORARY U.S. CUSTOMS IMPORTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE STAMPS

By Louis S. Alfano



Through the courtesy of Mr. Frederick L. Kukla, head of the Printing and Procurement Section of the U.S. Customs Service in Washington, D.C., the official records concerning U.S. Customs stamps have been examined. Unfortunately, the records available only go back as far as 1948, but a good deal of the history of two classes of stamp has been revealed. The stamps in question are the black Imported Distilled Spirits Stamps, Series of 1933, and the red-brown Imported Wine and Malt Liquor Stamps, Series of 1935. Both classes of stamp are presently in use, and have always been used only on beverages imported in bulk (kegs, barrels, etc.).

Imported Distilled Spirits Stamps, Series of 1933

Printing records available concerning this issue date only from 1962, but copies of these stamps in collections examined disclose that two types of vignette were

Figure 1 — Both types of vignette used on Imported Distilled Spirits Stamps: earlier at top, later at bottom.

employed in their production - an early version with only horizontal shading in the clouds above the ship, and a later version with both horizontal and diagonal shading. The records reveal a printing hiatus of nearly twenty years, between April 1943 and December 1962. Stamps printed up to April 1943 are all presumed to have the earlier vignette; those printed from December 1962 on are known to bear the later one.

The earlier vignette appears on stamps of three types:

1. Books of one stamp per page, perforated 12.5 at left.
2. Books of two stamps per page, perforated 12.5 at left and either top or bottom.

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THE EDITOR NOTES...

...that the vignette in this month's banner comes from a dividend certificate issued by the Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company dated February 20, 1867. It appeared on a 9 3/4 x 6 inch certificate engraved by the American Bank Note Company. Another vignette from this same document appeared in the May, 1978, banner. It was loaned to TAR by ARA member Gene Gauthier.

...that the editor is holding a letter addressed to the Check Collectors Round Table. Can someone supply an address.

...that in reply to a recent air letter from an overseas member I will repeat an offer I made earlier. While there are some members who wish to receive all of their issues of TAR by air (a service that we continue--make payment to the secretary along with your annual dues) there are some members who wish only to receive the auction issues by airmail. Your editor will personally pay airmail postage on the auction issues and mail them to members overseas wishing to receive them. I ask that you pay for this postage in revenue stamps of your home or neighboring country. You determine what the stamps are worth, I will accept your valuation.

...that associate editor Dick Riley writes that there is a need for revenue slide shows. It is possible that the APS would be interested. They will pay to make three copies and give one to the author (which Riley would hope would be deposited in the ARA library). Anyway Dick states, "swamp me with mail--I will help anyway I can, perhaps to avoid duplication."

...that Joseph Zollman (Scott Publishing Co., 3 E. 57th Street, New York City NY 10022) requests information for an article about stamps having illustrations of playing cards, playing cards as collectables and playing card tax stamps.

...that the editor has written and printed a three page paper entitled Information for contributors to TAR. Also included is a publication schedule through December, 1980. Manuscripts, photographs and editorial policy are also covered. Anyone interested may receive a copy by writing to the editor. A stamped addressed envelope will be appreciated.

...that CONGRATS are due to the following members:

--to Bill Rockett (Canadian Rev. Society Editor) for the Silver won for his display of Revenue Stamps of the Province of Ontario at the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association (Canada) GRANDPEX.
--to Jim Czyl for his twofer at PARFOREX XIX (Park Forest, IL): a Gold for his Phantoms of Philately and a Silver for his Buffalo Balloon Post.
--to Charles Mandell who was invited to exhibit five frames of Palestine revenues in the Court of Honor at the Society of Israel Philatelists convention held in Beechwood, OH May 25-27. In addition he presented a one hour lecture and slide program on Palestine revenues.
--to Robert Good who earned a First (Miscellaneous category) and the Novice award at CIAPEX (Des Moines) for his showing of By-Products of the Civil War.

--to all those who contributed to the 1978 volume of TAR for a Silver and the Stamp Collector Award for Best Literature at the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs show (PIPEX) held at New Westminster, B.C. Canada June 8-10.

--in closing it should be noted that at the 8th annual Willow Grove (PA) Convention of the Canadian Revenue Society in the spring, E. F. Vilter was awarded a QRS award certificate for "A study of the Liquor Bottle Seals of Canada." (At the same place, Lee Brandom was awarded one for the supplement to his Catalog of Tobacco Taxpays, and John Harper for his 55 page study of cigarette stamp cancellations of Canada. Unfortunately, neither gentleman is an ARA member, and thus we will not mention these awards, pity.)

CHARLES H. HERMANN — Closed Album 1899 — 1979

Charlie went to sleep the night of May 31st never to awake. He is survived by his two brothers, Elmer and Henry and his nephews Lyle Hermann and Harry Allen. His wife passed on in 1955.

He was ARA member number 5 and served as treasurer for two terms. He was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the ARA early this year. At NAPEX on May 5th of this year he was the recipient of the Sterling Award for his fiscal writings that covered forty years. He was also a member of the SRS.

No longer will we, his friends, be able to tap the vast store of knowledge that Charlie had accumulated through research, especially about state revenues. This knowledge he freely shared with (along with his duplicates) collectors all over the U.S. He was an avid trader and corresponded with many whom he had never met. He was an active mineral collector and made field trips this year.

He was a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. He practiced being one in all of his actions and I never heard him make an unkind remark or take advantage of anyone. He had all of the virtues to which most of us aspire. I for one am richer for having known him.

Our hobby has suffered the loss of an outstanding man and a good friend. I know that I will miss his amused smile and quick wit.

Goodbye Charlie — till we meet again.

Ogden D. Scoville, President, ARA

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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WILL I MAKE MONEY FROM COLLECTING REVENUES? As an ex-investment advisor, I say yes. While inflation may be cutting into your discretionary dollars, meaning you have less of them, to buy revenues, you can be sure that in the main prices are not going to go down.

We have all seen classic US stamps appreciate in the past four years to undreamed of heights. They are so high now that only wealthy collectors have any hope of assembling a good representation of the 19th century US. material.

Many years ago I purchased the \$3. & \$4. Columbians for \$42. each. They are so valuable today that they lie in a bank vault as part of my investment hedge against inflation. They are unloved, unseen and un-enjoyed year in and year out. Thus they have passed out of my stamp collection along with others of the same period.

This will happen with classic revenues too. At NAPEX last month I saw two rather poor copies of the 1st issue 6¢ proprietary offered by a dealer for \$1,200 each and was assured they would be sold shortly without too much trouble.

But for the few revenue classics there are thousands of others available for pennies or a few dollars. Many collectors have been and are turning to the once despised off beat material such as perfins, precancels, 1st day covers, postal stationary, stamped paper and revenues.

One of the basic economic laws is as the supply says the same or diminishes as the demand goes up, so will prices. So revenues will go up even faster than they have in the past few years.

In the future it is my guess that revenue collectors will specialize in a few fields instead of forming large general collections that abound today. As those of us, who will be unable to enter into the future of 20 years or so, pass out of the picture our holdings will come on the market furnishing much material for today's beginners.

In the past decade or so we have benefitted by the dispersion of the collections and holdings of Hurt, Hochman, Moeler, Applegate, White, etc. and so will come our turn.

I believe there is a lot of stamps that are hidden away in the holdings of postage collectors that will be released in small dribs and drabs. It will take initiative and work to get these stamps.

Not all revenues will participate in the coming large price raises such as Special tax stamps, Customs and other large material that is hard to mount. These may lag behind but they will appreciate also.

The flood of information furnished by the ARA and its magazine 'The Revenuer' plus catalogs by Erler and Springer etc. will furnish the information needed to form new collections in an orderly manner. Who knows, maybe some day we might even have printed pages or albums. After all Springer did print them up for the Match & Medicine stamps.

I believe that revenues can be collected for enjoyment today on a limited budget; That they will be a fine investment for tomorrow.

Today's prices are high compared with five years ago. But wait till you see them 10 years from now!!



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Hand Stamped, Printed and Embossed Revenue Paper of Canton Berne, Switzerland

By Donn Lueck, ARA

The appearance of this article constitutes the first attempt at listing handstamped, printed and embossed revenue paper of Berne. These early revenues were used on receipts, obligations, bills of sale and other legal documents. This does not purport to be a complete listing nor has any attempt been made to price these items. Information leading to adequate pricing is unavailable at this time. Later, with possible receipt of further information, such an attempt may be made.

We trust that the information presented herein will enable those of you in possession of such material to better categorize your collection. Readers able to shed additional light on these items are invited to correspond with the author: 6238 N. 38th Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85019.

Handstamped Revenues

Provisional Issues (1803)

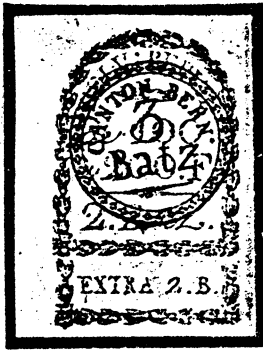


Figure 1

Circular "CANTON BERN/3/BATZ" in black on red Helvetic Republic 2 Batz. handstamp. The black handstamp is 21 1/2 mm. in diameter. (Figure 1)



Figure 2

Batzen values (1803-1840)

Circular "CANTON BERN" in black with value in the center. The diameter of the circle varies from 21-22 mm. up to the 4 Batzen value. The two higher values are 24 mm. in diameter. The following values are known: (Figure 2)

- 1 Batz.
- 1 1/2 Batz.
- 3 Batz.
- 4 Batz.
- 5 Batz.
- 1 Frank



Figure 3

The following combination pieces are also known: (Figure 3)

- 1 Batz. + 1 1/2 Batz.
- 3 Batz. + 4 Batz.
- 1 Batz. + 5 Rap.

One document with a 1 Batz handstamp used on September 9, 1826 is known. The document is on official paper watermarked "CANTON BERN STEMPEL" also bearing a 1B. embossed revenue in the upper right corner, the handstamp appearing in the lower left corner.

Rappen Values (1820-1850)



Figure 4

Circular "CANTON BERN" in black with value in the center. Diameter of the circle is 21 mm. The following value(s) known: Figure 4)

5 Rap.

One document is known with the 5 Rap. handstamp in the lower left corner and a 5 Rp. embossed revenue in the upper right corner. The document is on official paper watermarked "CANTON BERN STEMPEL" and is dated 26 December 1833.

Pre-Printed Revenue Paper

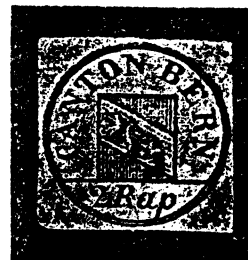


Figure 5

Circular "CANTON BERN/2 Rap" with Bern coat of arms in center. The circle is 24 mm. in diameter, date of use unknown. No other values known. (Figure 5)



Für ein Stück.

Figure 6

The Bern coat of arms in a wreath with "Kanton Bern" inscribed on either side of shield. Circle in upper right corner with inscription "Stempel/3 Rapp." in two lines. At bottom is inscription "Fur ein Stuck". This is the only example reported, date of use unknown. (Figure 6).

Embossed Revenues

Fancy oval (1803-1820)



Figure 7

Fancy dotted oval (32½ x 44mm.) inscribed "CANTON BERN" showing a man with a sword in right hand and holding Bern coat of arms with left hand, standing on ornate value box with embossed value. The following values are known:

(Figure 7)

- 1. B.
- 3. B.

There are no complete documents to substantiate the period of use. One item had a pencil notation dated "1819".

Fancy oval (1820-1845)



Figure 8

Fancy dotted oval (32½ x 44mm.) inscribed "CANTON BERN" showing a man with a sword in his right hand and holding Bern coat of arms with left hand, standing on ornate value box with raised embossed tall value. The following values are known: (Figure 8)

- 1. Bz.
- 1½ Bz.
- 3. Bz.
- 1. Fr.

There are no complete documents to substantiate the period of use. One item had a pencil notation dated "1829."

Rectangular types

Fancy rectangle (1803-1840), Batzen values



Figure 9

Ornate embossed frame with "CANTON BERN" in raised letters. Center of design has Berne coat of arms with bear above value box. The value is embossed (depressed) into box. The following values are known: (Figure 9)

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- 1½ B.
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The embossed frame is 28 x 35 mm in size.
The document mentioned earlier dated on
September 9, 1826 bears the 1B. value.

Fancy rectangle (1820-1845), Batzen values

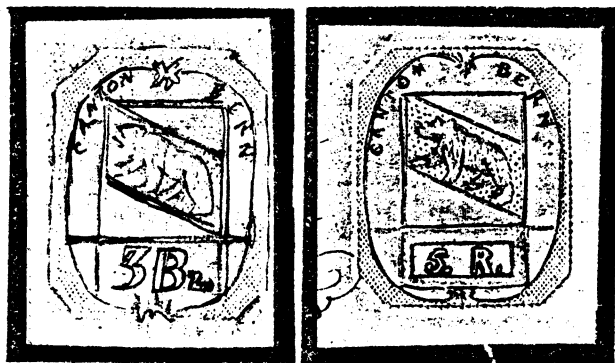


Figure 10

Figure 11

Same design as above except value is raised
embossed. Embossed frame is 28 x 35 mm. The
following values are known: (Figure 10)

- 1½ Bz.
- 3 Bz.

Fancy rectangle (1820-1850), Rappen values

Same design as above. The value is embossed
(depressed) into value box. The following
values(s) known: (Figure 11)

- 4. R.

Fancy rectangle (1830-1850), Rappen values

Same design as above, except value is raised
embossed. The following value(s) known: (Figure 12)

- 5 Rp.

One document is known, as mentioned above, dated
26 December 1833.

Rectangular embossing (18 x 23 mm.) with
bear in square shield in center. Straight-
line inscription at top is "CANT:BERN" with

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Figure 12



Figure 13

value at bottom. Value(s) known: (Figure 13)

- 5. rap

One document is known dated in 1845. The
period of use is considered to be from
1830 to 1865. The same design is also known
inscribed "REP:BERN" in straight line. same
value



Figure 14

Rectangular embossing (1½ x 24 mm.) with
rounded corner. Central design is square
shield with bear surrounded by wreath. The
"CANT:BERN" inscription at top is curved,
with period after "CANT" instead of colon.
Value(s) known: (Figure 14)

- Rp. 10

No documents are known to substantiate dates
of use. The period of use is considered to be
from 1830-1865.

Rectangular embossing with pointed shields 1865-1900)



Figure 15



Figure 16

Rectangular embossing with curved inscription
"CANT:BERN" above pointed shield with bear,
value at bottom. Width varies from 17 to 22 mm

and height varies from 23 to 28 mm. The following values are known: (Figure 15)

Rp. 8
Rp. 10
Rp. 30

Rectangular embossing, fancy shield (1860-1900)

Rectangular embossing with curved inscription "CANT. BERN" at top. Center of design is fancy shield with bear. The following values are known: (Figure 16)

Rp. 15 (19 x 24 mm.)
Rp. 60 (19 x 26 mm.)

Octagon types



Figure 17



Figure 18

Octagon embossing (21 x 28 mm.) inscribed "REPUB. BERN" above shield with bear. Value in small box at bottom. Value(s) known: (Figure 17)

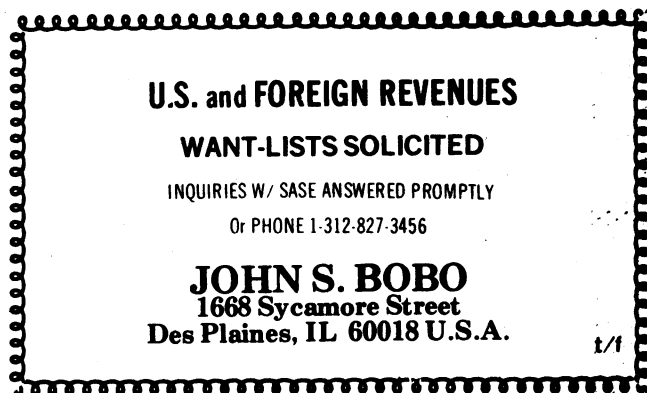
2. Bz.

There are no complete documents to indicate period of use. Period of use believed to be 1830-1850.

Octagon embossing (21 x 28 mm.) inscribed "CANT. BERN" above shield with bear. Value in small box at bottom. Value(s) known: (Figure 18)

2. Bz.

There are no complete documents to indicate period of use. Period of use believed to be 1830-1850.



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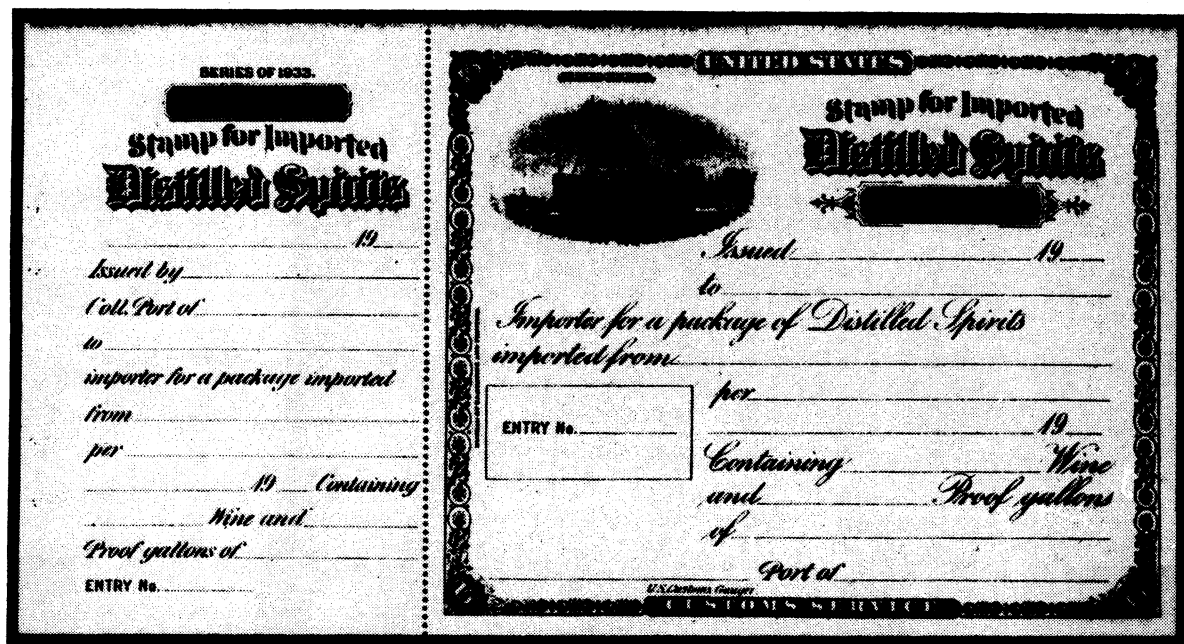
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3. Books of two stamps per page, rouletted 4 at left and either top or bottom.

All of these stamps were issued with backing strips, and were printed by the offset process. It is inferred from the records that the highest serial number for stamps bearing the earlier vignette is 779600, since the December 1962 printing begins with serial number 779601. It is believed that numbering began with the number 1001, and is therefore concluded that 778,600 stamps were issued with the earlier vignette.

Figure 2 — Imported Distilled Spirits Stamp, type 1 (early printing, circa 1933).

The later vignette has been used on only one type of stamp: books of 200 stamps, two stamps per page, without backing strip, rouletted 7 at left and either top or bottom. There have been six printings of these stamps to date, the last in July of 1968, as detailed in Table A, and stamps from the last two printings are currently in Customs' stock. Table A also shows the cost of each of these six printings.

TABLE A

U.S. CUSTOMS IMPORTED DISTILLED SPIRITS STAMPS, SERIES OF 1933

<u>Delivery Date</u>	<u>Stamp Numbers</u>	<u>No. of Stamps</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost per Stamp</u>
Offset printed, Perforated or rouletted, With paper backing strip.					
Through 4/43	1001 through 779600	TOTAL = 778,600			
Reengraved vignette, Offset printed, Rouletted 7, No backing strip. Books of 200.					
12/62	779601 through 838000	58,400	292	\$1,704.64	2.919¢
1/64	838001 through 906000	68,000	340	2,024.95	2.978¢
3/64	906001 through 1045000	139,000	695	4,153.04	2.988¢
1/65	1045001 through 1215000	170,000	850	4,358.71	2.564¢
10/67	1215001 through 1359000	144,000	720	4,139.15	2.874¢
7/68	1359001 through 1503000	<u>144,000</u>	<u>720</u>	3,959.40	2.750¢
TOTALS = 723,400			3,617		

Imported Wine and Malt Liquor Stamps, Series of 1935

Printing records of the Imported Wine and Malt Liquor Stamps go back to 1948, with cost data available from 1954 to the present. Unlike the Distilled Spirits stamps, this stamp was printed by the intaglio process through March of 1960, with offset production beginning in June of that year. All were printed in books of 200 stamps, two stamps to the page.

One peculiarity of these stamps is that when the serial number approached A1000000, the series recommenced with number A1001. This practice, which led to duplicate numbering, was discontinued in September of 1969, and the most recent printing runs through serial numbers in excess of A3000000. Table B gives the printing details obtained about these stamps.

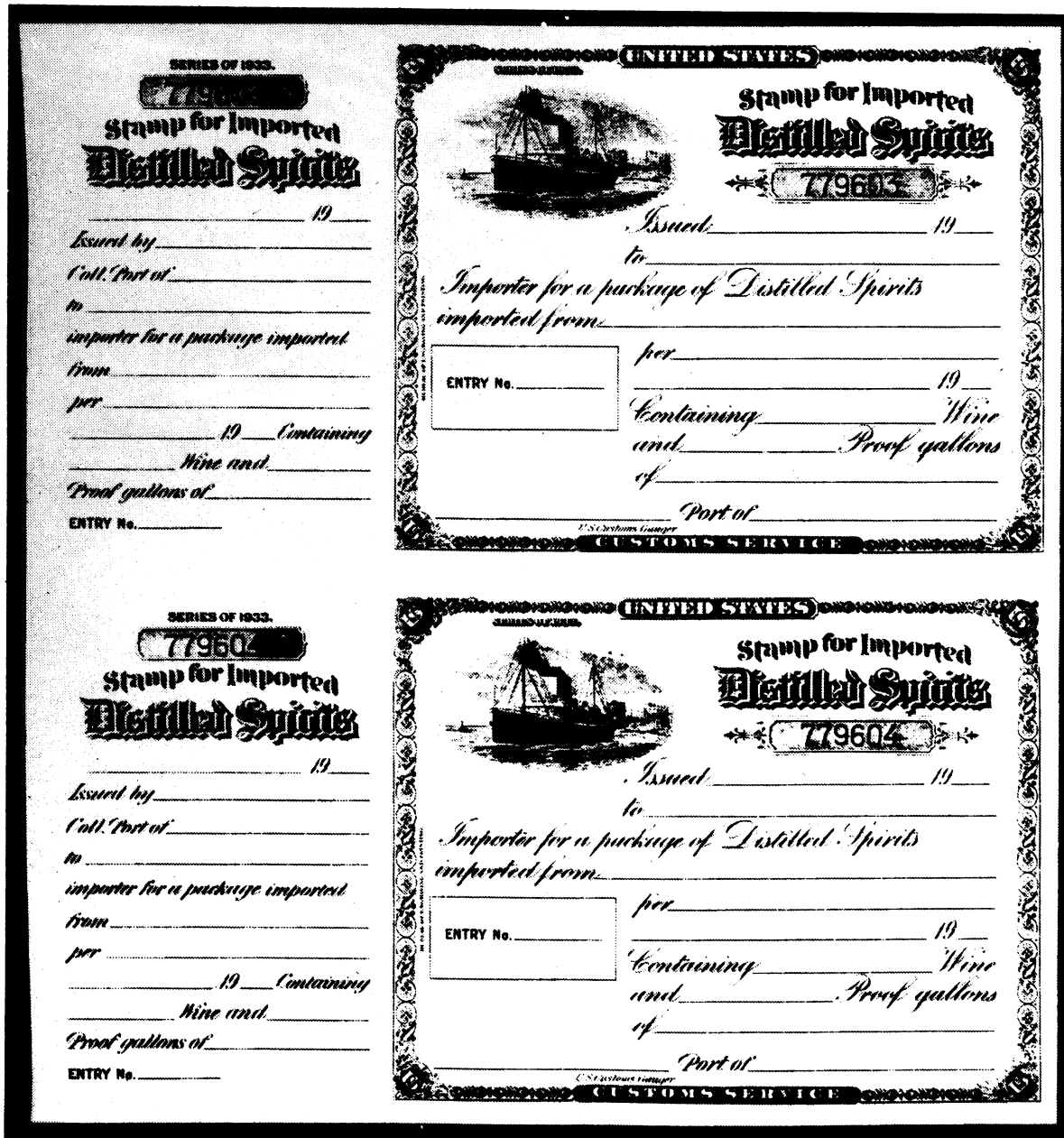


Figure 3 — Imported Distilled Spirits Stamps, type 3
(December, 1962, printing).

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TABLE B

U.S. CUSTOMS IMPORTED WINE & MALT LIQUOR STAMPS, SERIES OF 1935

<u>Delivery Date</u>	<u>Stamp Numbers</u>	<u>No. of Stamps</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost per Stamp</u>
Intaglio printed, Perforated 12.5, With paper backing strip. Books of 200.					
Before 1948	A1001 through A680000	679,000	3395		
3/48	A680001 through A720000	40,000	200		
7/54	A720001 through A800000	80,000	400	\$2,818.75	3.523¢
	Subtotals = 799,000		3995		
9/55	A1001 through A77000	76,000	380	4,153.41	5.465¢
10/56	A77001 through A157000	80,000	400	4,469.31	5.587¢
5/57	A157001 through A277000	120,000	600	5,787.66	4.823¢
4/58	A277001 through A397000	120,000	600	7,172.63	5.977¢
12/58	A397001 through A518000	121,000	605	8,811.69	7.282¢
8/59	A518001 through A648000	130,000	650	11,160.28	8.585¢
3/60	A648001 through A712000	64,000	320	6,202.28	9.691¢
	Subtotals = 711,000		3555		
	TOTALS = 1,510,000		7550		
Offset printed, Perforated (?), With white paper backing strip. Books of 200.					
6/60	A712001 through A773400	61,400	307	5,150.66	8.389¢
Offset printed, Rouletted 7, No backing strip. Books of 200.					
11/60	A773401 through A898000	124,600	623	3,300.00	2.648¢
	Subtotals = 124,600		623		
5/61	A1001 through A125000	124,000	620	2,752.92	2.220¢
1/62	A125001 through A247000	122,000	610	2,676.52	2.194¢
10/62	A247001 through A371000	124,000	620	3,293.66	2.656¢
5/63	A371001 through A611000	240,000	1200	5,898.42	2.458¢
3/64	A611001 through A853000	242,000	1210	6,876.35	2.841¢
	Subtotals = 852,000		4260		
6/64	A1001 through A245000	244,000	1220	6,186.48	2.535¢
12/64	A245001 through A645000	400,000	2000	9,130.30	2.283¢
7/66	A645001 through A841000	196,000	980	4,773.47	2.435¢
	Subtotals = 840,000		4200		
1/67	A1001 through A197000	196,000	980	5,004.77	2.553¢
9/67	A197001 through A401000	204,000	1020	4,637.91	2.273¢
11/68	A401001 through A625000	224,000	1120	6,389.90	2.853¢
9/69	A625001 through A1009000	384,000	1920	9,238.90	2.406¢
11/70	A1009001 through A1409000	400,000	2000	10,372.22	2.593¢
1/73	A1409001 through A1809000	400,000	2000	12,380.00	3.095¢
8/73	A1809001 through A2109000	300,000	1500	12,260.76	4.087¢
10/76	A2109001 through A2409000	300,000	1500	27,481.64	9.161¢
12/77	A2409001 through A2609000	200,000	1000	23,000.00	11.500¢
9/78	A2609001 through A3209000	600,000	3000	40,000.00	6.667¢
	Subtotals = 3,208,000		16040		
	TOTALS = 5,024,600		25123		

NEW AGRA-ZAHAL REVENUE STAMPS

by Dr. Josef Wallach, ARA

The peace agreement signed between Israel and Egypt which calls for the withdrawal and evacuation of the Sinai is reflected on a new 250 IL AGRA-ZAHAL revenue stamp issued for the Gaza region. The new AGRA stamp bears the Israeli Defence Forces insignia and is inscribed "Headquarters Gaza Region."

Formerly all stamps were overprinted "Zahal-Gaza-Sinai." The omission of the Sinai well reflects the political changes going on in the region better than any postage stamp or postmark.

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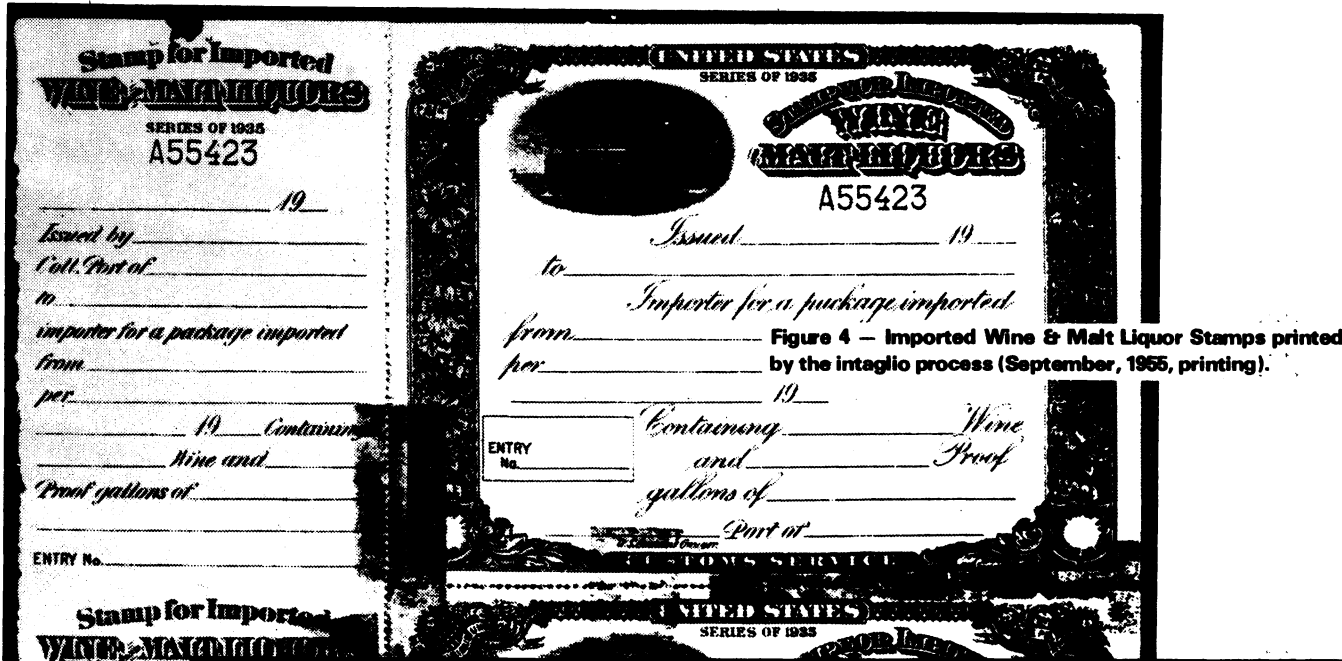


Figure 4 — Imported Wine & Malt Liquor Stamps printed by the intaglio process (September, 1955, printing).

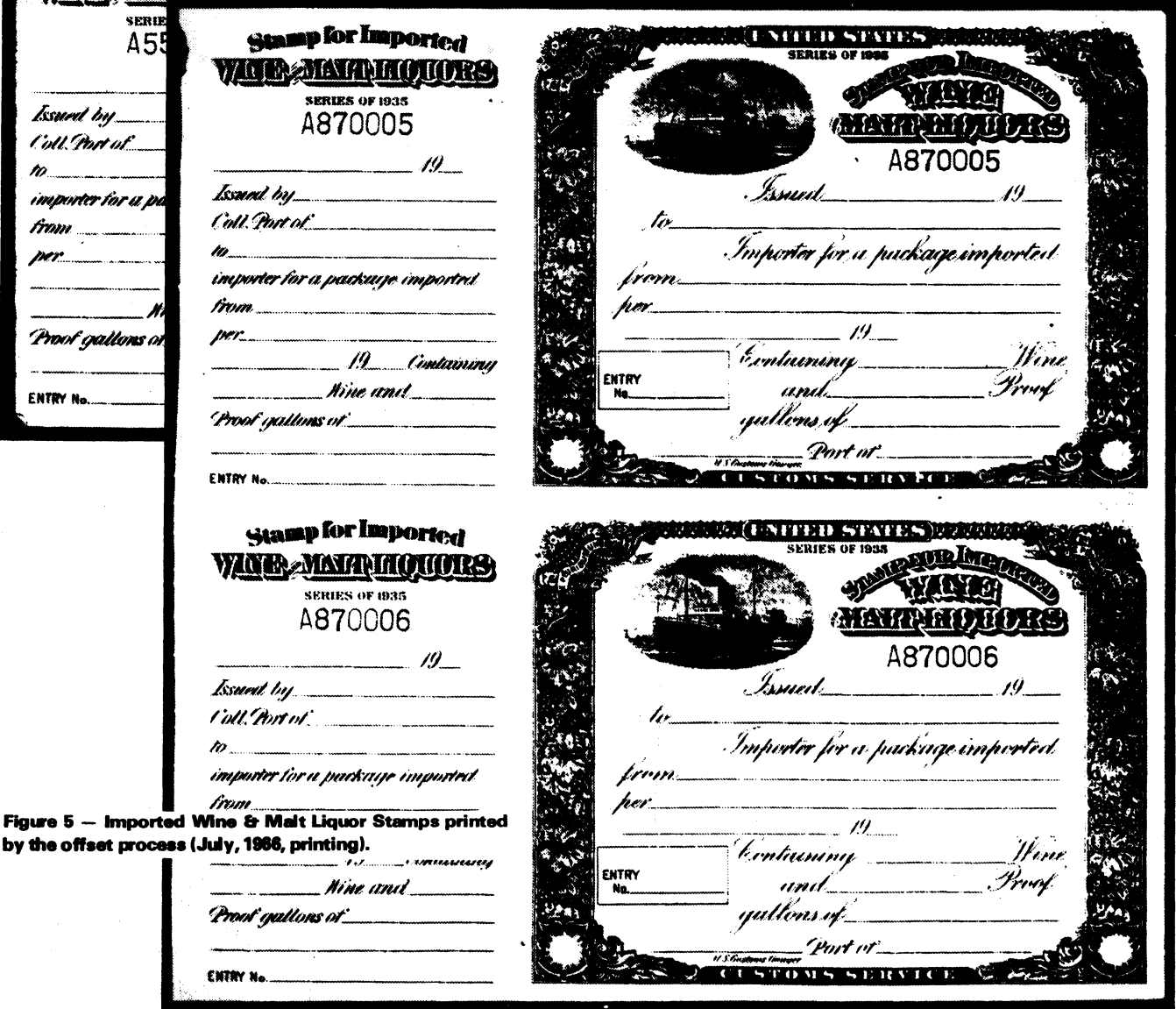


Figure 5 — Imported Wine & Malt Liquor Stamps printed by the offset process (July, 1966, printing).

ISRAELI REVENUES WITHDRAWN

new set introduced as result of robbery

by Dr. Josef Wallach, ARA

Revenue and postage stamps worth thirty million Israeli Pounds (IL) equal to approximately 1.5 million dollars were the loot of armed robbers at the Tel Aviv postal headquarters. At 4:00 A. M. Saturday morning, April 29, a gang of four robbers entered the main postal depot at Hahrash St. in Tel Aviv and opened fire on the two armed guards with two pistols and an Uzi machine gun. The guards surrendered and were hand-cuffed by the robbers who then emptied the mail bags which were ready for shipment, taking with them mostly revenue stamps and a smaller quantity of postage stamps.

The old design



The new design—new colors and an additional wavy line across the face.

On Sunday, April 30, 1979, an urgent meeting was called by customs authorities to discuss the theft of the revenue stamps. Toward noon an official notice was cabled to all postal outlets in the country calling for the immediate withdrawal from sale of all

revenue stamps and ordering the return of all the stamps immediately to headquarters. All afternoon the news media broadcast the official notice that as of midnight April 30, all revenue stamps are invalid. The notice added that until new stamps will be issued regular postage stamps should be used to frank documents instead of revenue stamps. All measures were thus taken to make the robbers' loot worthless.

On May 2nd police headquarters in Tel Aviv got an anonymous phone call about a suspected article near the Cineramah building. A police force headed by an explosives expert went to the area and found a mail bag containing the major part of the revenue stamps that had been stolen. About 26 million IL worth of revenues were found. Police investigation sources assumed that the stamps were dumped by the suspects because of their invalidation. In this way they intended to weaken police investigation.

Immediate printing of the new fiscals started at the Government Printer. On May 15 (within two weeks!) I traced the two first stamps printed, at the main post office in Jerusalem: 100.- & 200.- IL both with the green-bluish matte gum. The stamps are similar in design to the former stamps but with different colors and additional wavy line across the stamp to differentiate them from the older ones. The 15th of May I was told was the first day of sale. What a pity that no 1st day postmarks are possible.

The new issues are in new colors, all on white paper with green-bluish gum. The values now known are 0.10, 0.50, 0.80, 1, 2, 5, 100, and 200 IL. More values are expected.

MICHIGAN BEAR HUNTING STAMPS

By Carl H. Linder, ARA

Michigan Bear Hunting stamps lasted only five years, 1959 to 1963. They sold for two dollars each, and had to be signed and affixed to a State Hunting License.



The first was issued in 1959, black color with red numbers, showing a bear running. 3,865 Bear Licenses plus 82 shooting preserves, total 3,947.

In 1960, a dark brown color stamp with numbers in the same color, showing a bear chased by dogs. 3,827 licenses, 85 shooting preserves, total 3,912.

1961, brown color, dogs holding bear at bay. 3,681 licenses, 146 shooting preserves, total 3,827.

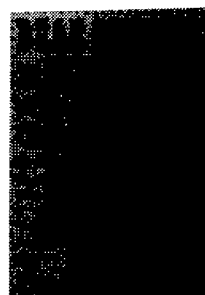
In 1962 the stamp was horizontal in yellow brown showing a bear treed by dogs. 3610 licenses, 282 shooting preserves, total 3,892.

1963 saw the last bear hunting stamp. Yellow brown color, bear chased by dogs. 4,851 licenses, 178 shooting preserves, total 5,029.

All stamps were printed by Allied Printing of Lansing, Michigan, and had a union label in the margins.

In respect to the bear hunters, I should say no doubt the dogs on these bear stamps are real bear hunting hounds.

From 1959 to 1977 bear hunters in Michigan numbered between a high of 6,977 in 1969 to a low of 2,446 in 1976. Non-residents had a high of 1,014 in 1976 and a low of 82 in 1959, while shooting preserves had a low of 82 in 1959 and a high of 648 in 1974.



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JAMAICA REVENUES IN CURRENT USE

By Terry Hines, ARA

Available from the Jamaica Posts and Telegraph Department, Kingston, Jamaica.

Judicial stamps (Perf. 14 x 14½)



1. 5¢ red and purple
2. 10¢ olive and black
3. 20¢ blue and red
4. 40¢ orange-red and black
5. 50¢ orange-red and green
6. 65¢ green and yellow
7. 85¢ purple and green
8. \$1 tan and black
9. \$2. black and red

The overprint is in black on all these. Although the stamps themselves are inscribed "postage" and "revenue" as far as I know the unoverprinted issue has not been released for postal use.

Social Security stamps (Perf 14½ x 14)



- *1. 3/- red-brown (inscribed "NATIONAL INSURANCE")
- *2. 4/- blue (inscribed "NATIONAL INSURANCE")
3. 70¢ black
4. 90¢ green
5. \$1.20 brown
6. \$1.50 blue
7. \$1.80 purple

The color refers to the color of the lines of the field behind the shield. The shield itself is yellow and green. All lettering is in black.

* These two values sell for 30¢ and 40¢, respectively. They are no doubt left over from the series used before the introduction of decimal currency. Thus the other values in this series must exist in non-decimal currency and a 30¢ and 40¢ stamp will be issued when the 3/- and 4/- are used.

Customs Seals (Imperf., 5 ¾ by 4½")

1. No value, black on blue.

PROVISIONAL OPIUM STAMP?

Ogden D. Scoville, ARA

The stamp illustrated herein was acquired by me many years ago. It excited no particular interest and so has been reposing quietly in my collection of customs material. While working up the customs listings that are appearing in the Revenuer, there was no particular spot that it fitted into the list.

It is 332 x 29 mm on an unwatermarked, white paper that is now slightly yellowed with age. It has a denomination of 5 taels which is the same as the first two imported customs opium stamps (signifying a 6½ oz. package.)

On the left there is a line under the words 'Manufactured by' which has a purple inverted rubber hand stamp reading: Fang Mow & Co. The vignette in the center has the left ship looking very close to the regular series of 1879 vignette. The right hand side's first line is printed: San Francisco, Ca 18____ and 87 is stamped on in a very light blue. The second line is printed. From Opium ex.____ and in the same light blue is stamped in capitals: RAILROAD. The third line is printed: 'Sold by ____' and stamped in capitals is GEO. MARCUS & CO. in a dark blue ink. There are no plate numbers or printing marks.

From the printed wording and the blank spaces I am lead to believe that this was made up for the customs house at the Port of San Francisco.

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Bruce Miller, Secretary
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NEW MEMBERS

- 3052 ALLEN, Robin. PO Box 3122, Santa Monica, CA 90403, by APS. US rev.
3065 BENEPE, Bruce T. Nolen Lane, Darien, CT 06820, by Linn's. US rev.
3070 BUTLER, F. Paige. PO Box 13606, Houston, TX 77019, by Secretary. US 1st issue uncanc., multiples, cracks, D.T.'s, paper and color var.: 1898 issues mint, multiples, D.T.'s, printed cancels on 1898 proprietaries, insurance, RR and express cancels on 1898 documentaries.
3053 COOPER, Andrew C. 505 Cypress Station Dr. #601, Houston, TX 77090, by G. M. Abrams. Xmas seals, genl US revs, taxpays, states: spec. in US 1st issue color, paper, plate varieties.
3041 DOEPPING, Robert L. 1525A 17th Walk, San Pedro, CA 90732, by G. M. Abrams. All revs of US and Canada.
CM3051 DUNBAR, E. C. PO Box 35, Wellman, IA 52356, by Secretary. US revs Scott and non-Scott.
CM3055 ESTEVEN, Gregory P. Rt 1, Box 11, Amite, LA 70422, by G. M. Abrams. All US revs, cut squares and locals.
3072 FALCON, Ronald L. 465 W. 23rd St. Apt 15B, New York, NY 10011, by Linn's. All US and Canada revs.
3073 FITZ—RANDOLPH, Jackson. 11019 N. 38th St. Phoenix, AZ 85028, by Linn's. US.
3060 GOLDSTEIN, Malcolm A. 20 Ridge Dr. Chappaqua, NY 10514, by Brian M. Bleckwenn. M&M, M&M cancels on regular revs.
3061 GREENAN, David. 8810 62nd Ave. College Park, MD 20740, by G. M. Abrams. US revs, ducks, customs, postal notes.
3066 GRINDLE, John E. 1052 Oakhill Circle, Ashland, OH 44805, by Secretary. US and Canada.
3045 HILDABRAND, William A. 608 E. 3rd St. Bellwood, PA 16617, by G. M. Abrams. Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Leeward Islands.
3042 HUBER, Donald K. 69 Pioneer Dr. West Hartford, CT 06117, by G. M. Abrams. New to revs—no specialty as yet.
3058 KLEIN, Roger. 53 Rue Franklin, 92400 Courbevoie, France, by Henri Maas. Dealer, "Fiscaux", France and colonies.
3043 KUICHTA, Dan. 30 Mission Ave. San Rafael, CA 94901, by Peggy Howard. All US revs.
3046 LAVALLEE, Thomas. PO Box 1177, Haverhill, MA 01830, by G. M. Abrams. US revs, esp. M&M: Canada revs and tobaccos: pre-1940 Xmas seals in sheets.
CM3047 LISKA, Dean J. 2165 Jones Rd. Fort Lee, NJ 07024, by G. M. Abrams. Japan, Ryukyus, related areas (collector/dealer).
3056 MAHONEY, Michael D. 10453 Moselle St. San Diego, CA 92131, by Richard F. Riley. Mainly US first 3 issues, but interested in other US and foreign BOB.
3071 MARTIN, Dr James N., Jr. 8420 Baumgarten Dr., Dallas, TX 75228, by Jack L. Trammell. Genl US revs and BOB, medicine stamps.
3054 MATTOX, J. Douglas, PO Box 10092, Raleigh NC 27605, by Secretary. Dealer, Raleigh Stamp Shop, inc. US and worldwide.
3067 NOVACK, Matthew. 6 Horizon Rd. Fort Lee, NJ 07024 by Secretary. All BOB, esp. hunting, US and Israel.
3062 OTTENHEIMER, Kurt. 462 W. Walnut St. Long Beach, NY 11561, by Secretary. China, Spain, Mexico, Latin America.
3059 PAQUETTE, Gene. PO Box 485, El Toro, CA 92630, by Kenneth Trettin. Dealer, Gene Paquette's Stamp Exchange, anything in US.
CM3054 PECK, Edward S. 208 Carlin Dr. Carmel, IN 46032, by Linn's. US revs, ducks.
3068 PETERS, Brian H. Box 142, Dundalk, Ont NOC 1B0, Canada, by G. M. Abrams. Canada (collector/dealer).
3069 PFEFFER, Ronald E. Box 427, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 by APS. US first 3 issues.
3057 SLATER, John C. 4498 Melborne Dr. Columbus, GA 31907 by Pruess and Sher. Petroleum-related issues of the world.
3044 SMULCZENSKI, Lawrence A. Box 653, Shalimar, FL 32579, by G. M. Abrams. Genl, incl duck stamp plate # singles.
3063 SOLAND, Arne. 849 NE 70th Ave. Portland, OR 97213, by G. M. Abrams. GB and colonies.
3050 THIMSEN, Arthur R. 765 Gist Rd. Westminster, MD 21157, by G. M. Abrams. US revs and all other BOB, possibly foreign revs "if exposed."
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3049 YARBROUGH, Dr. Clarke. 4159 Ursuline Dr. Mobile, AL 36608, by Kenneth Trettin. I.R. overprints, incl R153-160, Dr Kilmers.
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- 1719 Joseph P. Bollinger c/o Fluor Arabia Juaymah, PO Box 969, Belleaire, TX 77401
1274 Donald E. Hallinger, Altadena, CA 91001
1551 Peter J. Kent, London, England
CM2303 CRAIN, Lawrence J. 804 1/2 Madison Ave. Montebello, CA 90640, by Harold A. Effner, Jr. Specialty "uncertain"

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FOR CANADIAN REVENUE BUFFS

The Canadian Revenue Society, an exchange member, is issuing currently with its newsletter a serialized supplement by Lee Brandom to his earlier classic work on Canadian tobacco taxpays. Interested members should write to CRS Editor Bill Rockett, 2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove, PA 19090, for further details. Membership in CRS is required.

HINES STS BOOK OBTAINABLE

The US Special Tax Stamps study, authored by Terry Hines and published by the ARA (and sold out fast) shortly ago, is available in its original edition through Peggy Howard, ARA Treasurer (see masthead), at the postpaid price of \$9.50. Supply is limited, and haste is suggested. Payment to Mrs. Howard by name.

WE ARE REMINDED

By Editor Chuck Peterson of the Philatelic Literature Review (journal of the APRL, Library Branch of the APS), that any published literature for which you desire a review should be sent directly to Chuck at Box 716, Laurel, MD, 20810. It will then be sent to the APRL.

THAI REVENUES

are subject to a hopefully not aborted attempt to catalog. This is a manuscript in handprinted (but nicely) form, well illustrated, which was spearheaded by Dave Sher, with assists from other ARAers. They are now at an impasse short of data, and have suggested that copies of the mss be sent at cost to any ARAers who may wish a) to have a copy, and/or b) to come up with additional data to allow completion. If you desire a Xerocopy, unbound, send CWO to this office, payable to ARA, of \$5.25 to cover repro and mailing cost. Offer good worldwide, book rate (sea) mail.

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DUCK NEWS

Noted in the media an announcement that the National Audubon Society will be coming out with a limited selection of the duck stamp prints and including a single of the stamp itself in the framed print. The series will cover the years 1970 to 1978, and is priced at (!) \$10,900. Other single years will run from \$400 to \$1000, and there will be a total of 121 prints offered. Further details may be obtained from the Society. Good hunting.

AND A LONG OVERDUE UPDATE ON THE CIRCUITS (As of May 1):

Books received for circuits	798
Circuits initiated	538
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(Their total sales \$41,771.71)	
Books remaining in circuits	146
(Considerably improved, no? Be advised that the bulk of this new material is in foreign revenues.)	

COMMENTARY: DALE CARNEGIE RETURNS

We have learned that some of you dealers who have been using catalog numbers from the 1960 state revenue catalog in your sales brochures, are being billed by the author for using same to the tune of \$100 per brochure. Our advice: ignore the bills, do not answer, do not pay, and ignore any subsequent letters. Any threats are meaningless.

AND A PARTING THOUGHT

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U.S. FEDERAL BOATING STAMP

(Ed. note: We have heard some comments recently . . . also notes in the media . . . concerning newly issued boating stamps. Perhaps the following letter, reprinted from Linn's of April 23rd, will clarify the matter. We welcome further comments from the members.)

To the best of our knowledge, the 1970 Federal Boating stamp is not being reprinted. This stamp was attached to the boat certificate of number (Linn's Jan. 29, page 4.)

I checked with our boat registration division and with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing concerning this stamp, both said the 1960 stamp has not been printed or issued since 1967.

Beginning in 1967, the Coast Guard used a hand dated stamp in lieu of the Federal Boating stamp for validation of the certificate of number.

In 1971, with the passage of the Federal Boat Safety Act, the Coast Guard began issuing a color-coded sticker displaying the Coast Guard emblem along with a new certificate of number.

Now in 1979, we have added the expiration year on the sticker. This change in our sticker may be the reason for the belief that the 1960 Federal Boating stamp is being reprinted.

C. A. Carleton, CDR, USCG
Chief, Operator Compliance Branch
State Liaison and Compliance Division
Office of Boating Safety
By direction of the Commandant
Washington, D.C.

Editor, TAR:

After reading the article in March TAR about an alleged reprinting of the Federal Boating Stamps, I made about a dozen phone calls to the U.S. Coast Guard both in NYC and Washington D.C. Nobody knows anything about it!

The last call I made was to a Chief Wade in the boating safety division of the U.S. Coast Guard in D.C. He said he has received many inquiries since the article appeared in Jan Linn's & has done extensive research to determine if, in fact, the reprinting has occurred. He is convinced Mr. Herst is mistaken. He said he even checked with the Bureau of Printing & Engraving which reported no printing of this stamp since 1965.

Has anybody been able to confirm the printing?

Bil Hunnell, ARA

ARA Biography:

G. M. Abrams

by Ogden Scoville

A native New Yorker, Gerry moved to California in 1954, and claims he's never been sorry. After serving in the US Army in WWII, European Theater, he returned to NYC and completed his education, obtaining a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering...at the roughest school (he says): CCNY. In CA, Gerry took a Master's in Business Adm., tailored for engineers, in the city in which he lives which boasts 5 colleges.

Gerry started in the aerospace industry in 1951, and working in both the military and commercial ends of it...and is still at it. He is proud of the efforts expended during the early 60s, which helped to put us on the moon, and he now works for a firm in CA which has parts on the Enterprise (the real one). He manages data for the firm.

Philatelically, Gerry became a collector at age 6...worldwide postal material. He met Frank Newton (then ARA secretary) during the course of business, in the early 60s, and says he'll never forget Frank's question to him on discovering that Gerry was a collector: "Do anything with revenues?" to which Gerry responded, "What are revenues?"

Frank subsequently induced Gerry into joining us, and thereafter the interest in postal material dwindled rapidly, while the interest in revenues grew apace. Researching into worldwide material, after he discovered that the US was not the only country issuing them, Gerry developed a fascination for the revenues of all of them, and has been (his words) a philatelist ever since...somewhat different from a collector. Noting the lack of literature on many areas, he set out to do something about it.

Several research projects have led to the beginnings of a number of catalogs. In the interim Gerry served as ARA President for two terms, was before that and is now our Sales Mgr., did the first 8 ARA auctions before Don Duston (thankfully, says Gerry) took them off his hands, and now serves as Membership Director as well. All of these endeavors prevented the completion of his proposed books. But he states that he is now slowly getting back on the track...and looks forward to completing them and seeing their publication.

His main interests? Everything revenue-related.

His pet peeves? Dishonesty and "unethics"...with a vengeance.

His postal collection? Long sold off at the advent of the strip of 10 US issues devoted to postal workers. That did it.

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